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To amend title 18, United States Code, to provide an alternate release date for certain nonviolent offenders, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Federal Prison Bureau
5 Nonviolent Offender Relief Act of 2009”.

6 **SEC. 2. EARLY RELEASE FOR CERTAIN NONVIOLENT OF-**
7 **FENDERS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3624 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended—

1 (1) in subsection (a), by inserting “at the early
2 release date provided in subsection (g), if applicable,
3 or otherwise” after “A prisoner shall be released by
4 the Bureau of Prisons”; and

5 (2) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(g) EARLY RELEASE FOR CERTAIN NONVIOLENT
7 OFFENDERS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of
8 law, the Bureau of Prisons, pursuant to a good time pol-
9 icy, shall release from confinement a prisoner who has
10 served one half or more of his term of imprisonment (in-
11 cluding any consecutive term or terms of imprisonment)
12 if that prisoner—

13 “(1) has attained the age of 45 years;

14 “(2) has never been convicted of a crime of vio-
15 lence; and

16 “(3) has not engaged in any violation, involving
17 violent conduct, of institutional disciplinary regula-
18 tions.”.

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